



# Community Advisory Board

## Background and Authority

The Community Advisory Board (CAB), as described in the ASAP Executive Order, is a Board that is representative of counties and tribal communities. The Board will provide perspective to ASAP on community-specific issues throughout the state and will focus primarily on rural communities.

The CAB brings representatives from community coalitions around the state together to improve substance abuse prevention, treatment and enforcement policy and programs through ASAP. The CAB brings representatives from community coalitions around the state together to improve substance abuse prevention, treatment and enforcement policy and programs through ASAP. The CAB will provide an essential link between communities and ASAP and its sub-committees, ensuring that Arizona has a comprehensive substance abuse infrastructure that is responsive to and inclusive of its citizens.

The CAB will:

- Bring a voice to the table at ASAP, reporting on important issues in the communities in a way that is productive and facilitates the work in the Strategic Focus Areas.
- Help communities improve their capacity to identify emerging trends, as well as take action and report them to the proper institutions.
- Take the data that is available through the Epidemiology Work Group and ASAP back to coalitions and communities to effectively target programs.
- Serve as a resource for communities and the state to identify the most effective ways of impacting substance abuse by working collaboratively and targeting limited resources where they are most needed.
- Elevate the important work being carried out at the community level to be recognized at the state level.

## Outcomes:

- Provided community level input into state planning efforts and to identify emerging issues from a local perspective that require shifts in resources, changes in policy and statewide attention.
- Completed an Inventory of Community-Based Substance Abuse Prevention Coalitions in Arizona. It is estimated that over 100 coalitions are actively implementing substance abuse prevention in Arizona.

## Activities

- Expand the use of social media to connect community coalitions across the state, to share best practices and advocate for prevention.
- Building prevention capacity at the state and local level through implementation of Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership Strategic Plan.

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